

TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, December 4, 2014

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at Creekside Place, 102 Maple Street Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Bridgit Larsen, and Building Inspector Bob Fahey. Supervisor George Franklin was absent. Plan Commission Chairman Alvin Francis was in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (November 11, 2014)

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting with edits made by Gruebling. Edits included incorporating the sentences: "raises were not given to elected officials and "the Wincapaw's Land Division passed by unanimous vote from the P&Z Board." Motion to approve the minutes with these changes incorporated carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of November 30, 2014:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,472.80
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	16,280.37
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	3,218.35
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,981.48
Escrow Accounts:		
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.04

Constable's report

No activity to report. Chairman Schneider received a call from resident, Mary Libby, regarding a German Shepard on the loose shortly before the meeting. Schneider asked that word get out about the German Shepard and to report the dog if seen.

Building Inspector's report

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported permits issued in November:

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	New Home? 1=Y	Construction Cost	Permit Fee \$	Inspector's Fee Due
10/28/2014	14-34-B		Brent Wallmer/ Double D Builders	13208 W Hwy 14	Remodeling 2nd floor due to water damage		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 220.00
11/7/2014	14-35-B		Bill Krumwiede/Buttchen Electric	6516 N Weary Rd	Electrical services		\$ 3,800.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
11/7/2014	14-36-B		Paul Maki/H&H Solar & Electric	10320 N Crocker Rd	New Solar system & electric service		\$ 22,593.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
11/11/2014	14-37-B		Allison Williams	10808 N Hwy 14 Lot 178R	Move in mobile home			\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
11/29/2014	14-38-B		Ben Redalen	10901 N East Union Rd	Remodel Home		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 220.00
Totals							\$ 66,393.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 770.00

Public Comment

A deputy with the Rock County Sheriff's Department was in attendance. Gruebling mentioned that he approved of the traffic stopped on Territorial Road and truck use is heavy. The Deputy in attendance is certified in weights and stops trucks often. He stated that the department has both first and second shift deputies patrolling Territorial Road. Most of the trucks they stop prefer to take Hwy 14 to Territorial Road instead of Hwy 59. Rock County Sheriff's Department has contacted a few trucking companies. One trucking company has been stopped twice and fined.

Schneider mentioned that in 1997 the 2-inch overlay used to repair the road from damage was \$30,000, and now the cost is \$100,000.

Recycling Center Update

Krueger stated things were running well at the Center. Gruebling would like a 0.25 cent raise given to the recycling center employees. Schneider mentioned this motion will need to be placed as an action item on the January meeting agenda and the raise will be effective in February 2015 if passed.

Road Work/Snowplowing

Josh Wiser discussed the shortage of salt for Union and noted that Footville Trucking did not contract ahead of time and is in jeopardy of not having a supply for Union's roads. Wiser advised having Union place itself on the State's bid for salt supply.

Schneider discussed an example set by the Town of Montrose in which Dane County is the go between for the Town of Montrose. Dane County purchases tonnage for Montrose and can secure a better price. Montrose stores what salt is left at the end of the season and they have a 30x40 shed for storage.

Montrose's contract for salt was \$60/ton. Wiser stated Union may be paying as much as \$110/ton and that he heard Dane County will be dissolving the contract bids they have with townships.

Wiser noted that the Town of Dunkirk built their own storage facility and Rutland is preparing to build their own as well.

Wiser stated a major need for plow chains on the plow truck used for the subdivisions. The last snow fall without chains made plowing in the ice nearly impossible. Wiser said they will cost approximately \$50 a pair. Typically a set is used on the front and two on the back.

Gruebling suggested getting the cross-links now when the chains are purchased. Wiser reminded the Board that Perry Jorgenson is our repairman for the trucks.

Gruebling made motion to purchase chains and cross links for approximately \$200. Schneider second motion. Wiser will order chains.

Schneider shared that the Thickpennys of Holt Road called to complain about the ice on Holt Road and requested salt and sand.

Schneider stated that land owners need to be mindful of clearing brush along the roadway of their property in order to allow the sun to reach the roadway and for the plows to push the snow far enough off the road into the shoulder.

Board Action: Adoption of Chapters 16 & 17 Farmland Preservation

Tom Sweeney asked the Board to send Chapters 16 & 17 back to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) to reconcile them with the State Statutes.

At an upcoming meeting there will be a final draft for the Board to approve. The ordinance is certified by DATCP and the Board has until July 30, 2015, to adopt the ordinance. Sweeney suggested taking the next months to make the document polished.

Alvin Francis, Planning & Zoning Chair, is in agreement with this timeline.

Gruebling asked if it could go back to P&Z for January and Schneider seconded. Sweeney will send final format to Larsen for distribution at P&Z.

Board Action: Appointment of Pollworkers

Clerk Larsen mentioned the list of pollworkers remains unchanged from the last appointment cycle. No action taken.

Board Action: Approval of Peg Berg Trust Property's Fence

Schneider asked Roger Berg, the Peg Berg Trust representative whether the intent is to house animals with the fencing. Berg confirmed the fencing will hold a few beef cattle and perhaps a few horses. Schneider asked what type of fence will be used, Berg has an estimate from Lemke Fence for 1250 feet or 625 feet each owner and will most likely be post and wire.

S&F Farmland, the owner on the opposite side of the proposed fencing notified Berg that one of the tenants cleaned up the brush line and this was a violation according to S&F. Berg stated he wants to go South with the fence-line and now the owner does not want to do it.

Schneider alerted Berg that the project would require payment of two supervisors to view and authorize the fence line before construction. Schneider again confirmed that Berg is indeed putting cattle on the land. Berg is willing to pay for these fees since he believes good fences make good neighbors.

Schneider said he will set up dates to view the property and asked Berg when he wants to fence since construction will put off until the thaw in 2015.

Schneider made a motion that the Town send a letter to the adjoining land owner stating that the fence is indeed being constructed and that the owner will need to pay half.

Dates were not selected to supervise the future fence line.

Berg has a nutrient plan in place and he wants his North-South fence line in place so he can graze his cattle by summer 2015.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.